S.No.	Item/Subjects	Date of telecast
30.	Environment Prog.	1 16.8.99
31.	Folk Songs of H.P.	23.8.99
32.	—do—	30.8.99
33.	—do-	6.9.99
34.	Apple production (Discussion)	20.9.99
35.	Paryatan Vikas in H.P. (Discussion)	27.9.99
36.	Folk Songs of Mandi & Shimla Belt	11.10.99
37.	Himachal Gramin Bank Ka Gramin Vikas mein Yogdaan (Disc.)	18.10.99
38.	Folk Dances of Kangra	25.10.99
39.	Vida Dashmi Kullu Dussehra (Spl. T.V.	29.10.99
'40.	report)	8.11.99
41.	Folk Dances of Kangra	15.11.99
42.	Gunjjan Geet of Bilaspur & Folk Songs of Una Belt 'Himachal Ke Mele' (Disscussion)	29.11.99

Filling up of Posts in Television Station, Shimla

584. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the most modernised Television Station has been set up at Shimla in Himachal Pradesh but for nonavailability of sanctioned staff it has not been fully utilised;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the period for which these posts have been lying vacant and the steps being taken to fill these posts; and

(d) by when these posts will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Studio facilities at DDK, Shimla have not been fully utilised for want of creation of posts in the Programme and the Administrative cadres. However, the facilities are being utilised by redeployment of staff from other Kendras. 17 posts on the Engineering side only were created in the year 1997. Most of these posts are already filled up, facilitating the telecast of the programmes through a High Power Transmitter. The creation and filling up of posts of Programme and Administrative cadres is proposed to be done, as soon as the Staff Inspection Unit finalises the norms.

Broadcasting/Telecasting Stations in Maharashtra

585. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Broadcasting/telecasting stations working in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) whether the telecasting and broadcasting services are catering to the needs^ of entire Maharashtra, particularly the Adivasi District of the State;

(c) whether any demand or proposal for opening of such stations is pending with Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The details are given in the Statement. (See below).

(b) All India Radio and Doordarshan cover 98% and 86.5% of the population of the State respectively including those in tribal areas.

(c) and (d) Request for setting up of new Radio Station/TV centres are received from time to time from various sources and these are given due consideration while finalising the network planning.